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U. S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear USDA:

Please stop the downed animal trade by granting petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

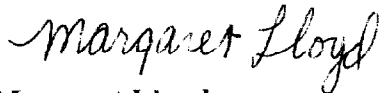
Downed animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to posing an increase risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may have BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease").

It is impossible to remove downed animals humanely.

I urge you to stop the cruel trade in downed animals.

Sincerely,



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